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**GROUP 1100**

In re PATENT application of )

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Serial No. 08/169,127 )

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**GROUP 1100** METHOD AND SYSTEM OF )

LASER PROCESSING )

Group Art Unit: 1112

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Applicant only recently became aware of these references which were cited in the corresponding divisional of the above-identified application, Serial No. 08/589,341.

JP 57-94482 to Hongou is directed to a pattern forming device for a laser including beam expander 16 and a variable slit 4 downstream thereof. (See, Figures 6 and 7 thereof) The reference also discloses the shaping of a laser into a line.


JP 57-193291 to Hongou is similarly directed to a laser working device including a variable slit 9.

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Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a). In view of the certification above and the accompanying petition, consideration of the attached references is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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